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REF Sofia's 8 to Paris on CHECKMATE II.

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I am therefore setting forth below concept of operations for CHECKMATE II.

All Armed Forces units mentioned are those which will actually take place in maneuver, although they are intended to represent larger units.

(a) At 0400 Greenwich time September 16 an amphibious assault landing will be conducted by a US Marine Battalion Landing Team vicinity Yalakkoy, in Turkish Thrace. Their objective is Kesan.

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from vicinity Kavak to link up at Kesan with the amphibious forces.

(c) At 1300 Greenwich time September 16 an airborne assault will be made by a US Airborne Battle Group to seize Uzunkopru. Battle Group will proceed from staging area at Adana, Turkey. (Battle Group is already enroute from US.)

(d) Exercise will include link-up with Airborne force at Uzunkopru by 18 September.

(e) In addition to forces noted above, which will constitute major elements of exercise, there will be normal support by fighter bombers and transport aircraft.

(f) Nearest point to Bulgarian border to be reached by NATO forces during exercise will be on outskirts of Uzunkopru area, approximately 40 kilometers from border.

(g) No forces will be operating in Greece as part of CHECKMATE II. Although Alexandropolous is mentioned in scenario as area occupied by enemy unit, no landing or other troop operations will take place there.

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(h) CHECKMATE II is part of a series of regular NATO defensive exercises planned annually on a long-range basis.

(2) I understand Headquarters LandSouthEast plans make two press releases between now and September 16 which will identify area of exercise CHECKMATE II more precisely. ^{We} They have requested LandSouthEast to forward those releases to us for review; it may be that combining them into one release would be helpful in providing information of nature to set record straight concerning CHECKMATE II.

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